

IN THE CLAIMS

The current claims follow. For claims not marked as amended in this response, any difference in the claims below and the previous state of the claims is unintentional and in the nature of a typographical error.

1. (Previously Presented) For use in a wireless network comprising a plurality of base stations, each of said base stations capable of communicating with a plurality of mobile stations, a security device capable of preventing an unprovisioned one of said plurality of mobile stations from accessing an Internet protocol (IP) data network through said wireless network, said security device comprising:

a first controller capable of receiving from said unprovisioned mobile station an IP data packet comprising an IP packet header and an IP packet payload and replacing said IP packet header with a replacement IP packet header comprising an IP address of a selected one of a plurality of provisioning servers associated with said wireless network.

2. (Original) The security device set forth in Claim 1 wherein said first controller is disposed in at least one of said plurality of base stations.

3. (Original) The security device set forth in Claim 1 wherein said first controller is disposed in a mobile switching center of said wireless network.

4. (Original) The security device set forth in Claim 1 further comprising a second controller capable of determining that said unprovisioned mobile station is unprovisioned.

5. (Previously Presented) The security device set forth in Claim 4 wherein said second controller determines that said unprovisioned mobile station is unprovisioned if said unprovisioned mobile station is unable to authenticate to said wireless network.

6. (Previously Presented) The security device set forth in Claim 4 wherein said second controller determines that said unprovisioned mobile station is unprovisioned according to a predetermined telephone number associated with a service provisioning process selected by said unprovisioned mobile station.

7. (Previously Presented) The security device set forth in Claim 4 wherein said second controller determines that said unprovisioned mobile station is unprovisioned according to data retrieved from a home location register associated with said wireless network.

8. (Original) The security device set forth in Claim 1 wherein said first controller selects said least one provisioning server by selecting said IP address in said replacement IP packet header according to a load spreading algorithm.

9. (Previously Presented) A wireless network comprising:
- a plurality of base stations, each of said base stations capable of communicating with a plurality of mobile stations;
 - at least one provisioning server; and
 - a security device capable of preventing an unprovisioned one of said plurality of mobile stations from accessing an Internet protocol (IP) data network through said wireless network, said security device comprising:
 - a first controller capable of receiving from said unprovisioned mobile station an IP data packet comprising an IP packet header and an IP packet payload and replacing said IP packet header with a replacement IP packet header comprising an IP address of said provisioning server.
10. (Original) The wireless network set forth in Claim 9 wherein said first controller is disposed in at least one of said plurality of base stations.
11. (Original) The wireless network set forth in Claim 9 wherein said first controller is disposed in a mobile switching center of said wireless network.

12. (Original) The wireless network set forth in Claim 9 further comprising a second controller capable of determining that said unprovisioned mobile station is unprovisioned.

13. (Previously Presented) The wireless network set forth in Claim 12 wherein said second controller determines that said unprovisioned mobile station is unprovisioned if said unprovisioned mobile station is unable to authenticate to said wireless network.

14. (Previously Presented) The wireless network set forth in Claim 12 wherein said second controller determines that said unprovisioned mobile station is unprovisioned according to a predetermined telephone number associated with a service provisioning process selected by said unprovisioned mobile station.

15. (Previously Presented) The wireless network set forth in Claim 12 wherein said second controller determines that said unprovisioned mobile station is unprovisioned according to data retrieved from a home location register associated with said wireless network.

16. (Original) The wireless network set forth in Claim 9 wherein said first controller selects said least one provisioning server by selecting said IP address in said replacement IP packet header according to a load spreading algorithm.

17. (Previously Presented) For use in a wireless network comprising a plurality of base stations, each of the base stations capable of communicating with a plurality of mobile stations, a method of preventing an unprovisioned one of the plurality of mobile stations from accessing an Internet protocol (IP) data network through the wireless network, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving from the unprovisioned mobile station an IP data packet comprising an IP packet header and an IP packet payload;

determining that the unprovisioned mobile station is unprovisioned; and

replacing the IP packet header with a replacement IP packet header comprising an IP address of a selected one of a plurality of provisioning servers associated with the wireless network.

18. (Original) The method set forth in Claim 17 wherein the step of determining comprises the step of determining that the unprovisioned mobile station is unable to authenticate to the wireless network.

19. (Original) The method set forth in Claim 17 wherein the step of determining comprises the step of determining that the unprovisioned mobile station selected a predetermined telephone number associated with a service provisioning process.

20. (Original) The method set forth in Claim 17 wherein the step of determining that the unprovisioned mobile station is unprovisioned comprises the step of examining data retrieved from a home location register associated with the wireless network.